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**Sent:** 11/5/2019 1:24:45 AM  
**To:** Mullin, Michelle [Mullin.Michelle@epa.gov]; Moore, Kendall [moore.kendall@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Fredrika Smith [smithf@monroe.wednet.edu]; Peachey, Robert [peachey.robert@epa.gov]; Ramanauskas, Peter [ramanauskas.peter@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Remediation of light fixtures and additional media in the Administrative Building at SVEC

Michelle and Kendall,

I am following up regarding the visit you conducted at Sky Valley Education Center on October 23rd and 24th. First, [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] and if either of you has had any additional follow-up communication with him I am unaware of it. Please do forward me any communication related to this matter since the email he forwarded me from you (Michelle) at 5:13 p.m. on the 24th of October.

As was discussed with Mr. Piplic, we have restricted staff from entering those three spaces -- two counselors offices and the IT/Network closet -- beginning on the morning of October 25th. PBS Environmental was asked to perform both wipe and air sampling in all three locations to determine if there is any level of PCB contamination to be concerned with. Previous air sampling in that building had indicated PCB levels to be non-detectable, but give the concern we wanted to verify those three spaces specifically.

I can now state that the wipe samples of the carpet taken immediately below the fluorescent light fixtures came back with no detectable levels of PCB. I do not have a report to send you at this time, therefore, I am simply passing along what I was just provided via email from PBS Environmental.

The air sample results are anticipated on Thursday (Nov. 7), and I will provide those as soon as they are received.

If no detectable amount of PCBs is found in the air samples, as was the case with the wipe samples taken from the carpet below the light fixtures, we would see no need to pull up the carpet and replace it at this time. We would also feel comfortable allowing staff to return to work in those spaces.

We do have the one light fixture in the IT/Network closet that does need to be removed and replaced in any case, as it does show staining from a magnetic ballast failure. We are therefore treating it as contaminated, and I would appreciate your guidance on what we need to provide in order to submit for approval to remove the one fluorescent light fixture from Sky Valley. Is there a specific form to use, or a format to follow, or can I simply provide a narrative? And if a narrative will suffice, do you want it on school district letterhead, or can that be done via email.

Respectfully,

**John Mannix**

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On Thu, Oct 24, 2019 at 5:16 PM Piplic, Devlin <[piplicd@monroe.wednet.edu](mailto:piplicd@monroe.wednet.edu)> wrote:  
Here is the email I just received

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Date: Thu, Oct 24, 2019, 5:13 PM  
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Hello Devlin-

As we closed our visit today, we discussed remediation of the Administration Building light fixtures and the rooms that they are in.

I mentioned that you could presume the items are contaminated with PCBs and dispose of them in a TSCA Landfill or Incinerator in accordance with 40 CFR 761.61(b) without an approval from EPA.

However, I reviewed the Risk-Based Disposal Approval issued to SVEC on September 15, 2017 and Condition 15 requires that any proposed modification to the plan, specifications, or information in the Notification must be submitted to the EPA for review and approval.

Therefore, while you may remove the ballasts for disposal and follow the BMPs recommended for schools, SVEC needs to submit plans for remediation of the rooms to EPA in writing for evaluation prior to conducting remedial activities, per Condition 15.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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